

## Fact Sheet 2

John Day Basin Resource Management Plan  
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## Identifying Planning Issues

### What is a Planning Issue?

During the scoping period early in this planning process, we heard numerous concerns and suggestions from the public. These issues represent opportunities, conflicts, or problems about use or management of public land resources. We consider these Planning Issues when both of the following are true:

- A) The issue can not be addressed using current RMP direction, and
- B) There is a lack of consensus concerning how to address the issue.

## Planning Issues identified for the John Day Basin RMP

In the Analysis of the Management Situation (AMS, December 2006) we identified a number of broad Planning Issues, which we have grouped under the following three categories:

1. ***Access and Travel Management*** – How should we design a road system to efficiently deliver goods, people, and services across the planning area? What areas should be designated “closed” to Off Highway Vehicle use to limit conflicts with other uses or to protect resource values? Are there areas that can be designated “open” for motorized use off of roads? The remaining areas will be designated “limited” (to designated routes, by type of vehicle, season of use, etc).
2. ***Vegetation Management*** – How should public land be managed to achieve forest and upland health goals? Where do food and timber production and wildfire prevention fit in to the equation?
3. ***North Fork Acquired Lands*** – How can we manage these lands to protect native fish, wildlife habitat, and public recreation? This will require a full range of new decisions to cover all resource uses and values, though the main areas of controversy appear to be related to livestock grazing and public access.

## Other Management Guidance

The following can be addressed using existing guidance, or there is little controversy about management: air quality, caves, cultural and paleontological resources, energy and mineral resources, land tenure, partnership opportunities, special status plants, stream channels/floodplains, fish, water quality, water quantity, visual resources, Wild & Scenic Rivers, noxious weeds, and wild horses.

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